

Lenny Kravitz tour to stop at Stateline

The eighth artist has been added to Harveys Outdoor Concert Series – Lenny Kravitz.

He will be on the South Shore July 14 at 8pm.

Tickets go on sale to the general public on March 24. They start at \$54.59, plus taxes and fees.

More shows will be forthcoming.

Other performers coming this summer to the Stateline venue include: Paul Simon, Rebelution, Sammy Hagar, Train, Third Eye Blind, Jack Johnson and Slightly Stoopid.

Snippets about Lake Tahoe

- The Ta-Hoe Nalu Paddle Festival will be at Kings Beach on Aug. 12-13.
- L.A.-based soul act Soul Scratch will be performing at Crystal Bay on April 8 at 10pm for free.
- South Lake Tahoe residents Anthony and Mara Cavallaro have started Glazed and Confuzed Tahoe Donut, a doughnut delivery company. Check it out **online**.
- Michael McDonald will be at Carson Valley Inn's TJ's

Corral on Aug. 18.

Nev. legislators exempt from public records rules

By Colton Lochhead, Las Vegas Review-Journal

A series of kerfuffles involving politicians' emails has sparked a nationwide call for elected officials to embrace transparency. But members of the Nevada Legislature show no intention of opening their records to the public.

The Legislature tells governmental agencies statewide what is and is not a public record. But members of the Legislature are exempt from those very laws.

Unlike their municipal counterparts, state legislators have little to no public paper trail. Their emails, appointment calendars that detail which lobbyist or lawmaker they meet and all other forms of communications are not bound by Nevada's open records rules.

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Sports betting looking a lot

more like Wall Street

By Shelly Hagan, Bloomberg

Your March Madness office pool is like the Charles Schwab of sports betting. Beyond those hastily chosen brackets, there's an entire cottage industry of sports betting that's increasingly resembling Wall Street.

In 2016, total sports wagers in Nevada were \$4.5 billion, according to the Nevada Gaming Control Board.

With that much at stake, gamblers are turning to more sophisticated tools that involve complex data analysis to achieve better odds, real-time wagering during games, fund managers who pool bets and risk management practices.

The result is something akin to day trading.

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Martis Valley Quarry operation to be reviewed

On the Truckee Planning Commission agenda next month will be the Martis Valley Quarry five-year review.

The quarry was originally approved by Nevada County in 1983, with CEQA review. As part of the conditions of approval, Nevada County required that the mine operators return every five years.

The mine operator, Teichert Aggregates, was initially reviewed

Feb. 21, but was continued so additional information could be provided. The next hearing is set for April 18, 6pm at the airport.

There are no proposals to expand the mine, mining operations, recycling/asphalt plant or other operations.

Conference to focus on wildfire evacuation planning

By Ed Smith

On March 27 at the Atlantis Casino in Reno, the Nevada Network of Fire Adapted Communities, aka The Network, will host its third annual conference. The Network is an organization dedicated to helping Nevada communities reduce their wildfire threat. They have selected “safe and effective evacuation” as this year’s conference theme. This conference targets residents of Nevada’s wildfire-prone communities, fire service representatives and other stakeholders in Nevada’s wildland-urban interface fire issue.



Ed Smith

The best advice evacuation expert and North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District Assistant Fire Marshal Mark Regan has for

a homeowner regarding evacuation during wildfire is this: "Be prepared and do not hesitate."

Regan said many homeowners linger at their homes after being told to evacuate. People who linger can jeopardize their lives and make things more difficult for emergency responders.

To increase your ability to evacuate immediately when asked, prepare yourself and your family well before a wildfire occurs, and anticipate your needs when you do have to evacuate. Wildfire: Prepare – Anticipate – Evacuate!

Proper advanced evacuation preparation includes:

- Meet with household members and develop a family emergency plan.
- Assemble a family to-go bag, pet to-go bag and disaster supply kit.
- Register with your local emergency notification system if this service is available in your area.
- Attend an evacuation drill and practice two of the escape routes out of the community.
- Designate a safe meeting place and contact person for you and your family members.
- Arrange for transportation out of the area if you do not drive.
- Inventory home contents, videotape/photograph property and place in the to-go bag or use a phone app such as My Home Scr.APP.book.
- Familiarize yourself about animal/livestock evacuation recommendations.
- Prepare "Evacuated" and "Water Source" signage.

- Review additional evacuation advice **online**.

Some of the topics to be addressed at the conference include:

- Description of what evacuation conditions could be like (e.g., dark, smoky, windy, no power, poor water pressure, etc.).
- A homeowner's experience and advice as a result of the recent Little Valley Fire.
- Proper preparation and evacuation of your family.
- Community-level evacuation.
- Conducting a community evacuation drill.
- Safe evacuation of pets and livestock.
- Post-fire issues.

The concluding activity of the conference will be a discussion on the future of The Network and its administration by the Nevada Division of Forestry.

There is no cost to attend the conference, and you do not have to be a member of The Network to attend. For more information about The Network or to register for the conference, go **online**.

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LTUSD standing up for immigrant students

By Kathryn Reed

Lake Tahoe Unified School District is doing everything it can to help families who feel threatened by the federal government's attack on immigrants.

"We are going to follow the law. We all know if a child is going to come to school afraid, they aren't going to learn," board member Larry Reilly said at the March 14 meeting. "We are going to take that (fear) away."

The law Reilly referenced is Plyler v. Doe, the 1984 U.S. Supreme Court decision that said public schools must enroll all eligible students regardless of their citizenship or immigration status. State and federal laws prohibit schools from disclosing student information to law enforcement without the consent of a parent or guardian.

The resolution that was unanimously approved Tuesday night does not change any policy. It essentially put an exclamation point on the matter.

To underline the district's beliefs even more, board President Barbara Bannar read the entire resolution into the record. Normally resolution titles are all that are verbalized.

The staff report said, "This resolution is intended to make clear to staff, students, and their families that all students have a right to attend school regardless of their immigration status, and aims to make families and students feel safe at school, so that they continue to come to school."

Cindy Martinez, principal of Bijou Community School, said, "The needs for families are very unique and very diverse."

She said some have received letters for possible removal from the United States. Then there are the attorneys who have called families saying they will help, which scares people more and could just be a scam. Rumors are flying; two weeks ago people were chattering about agents from ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) coming to town.

People are confused and scared.

Martinez's goal is make Bijou be as comforting of a refuge as it can be. Working one-on-one with people has been the best, she said.

Bijou is the main focus because it has the largest concentration of Hispanic families who could be affected by any roundup by the feds.

The Family Resource Center has also been a big help to provide information to concerned residents. That agency is working in concert with the school district.

Opinion: California will be short of water forever

By Jay Famiglietti and Michelle Miro, Los Angeles Times

Over the last 18 months, California has experienced one of the driest, wettest and wildest rides in its recorded water history.

As the 2015-16 water year opened in October 2015, drought had driven the state's reservoir and groundwater levels to all-time lows. Entire towns were left without water. Reports of

lakes turned to puddles, of wells running dry by the thousands, and of the cracked ground above depleted aquifers sinking several feet a year dominated state headlines.

Then came the deluge. Since last fall, a steady stream of “atmospheric river” storm systems has been battering the coast, the Sierra Nevada and almost everywhere in between, restoring reservoirs and the snowpack to their highest points in years.

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STHS principal resigns under fire

South Tahoe High School will have a new principal next school year.

On Tuesday night the Lake Tahoe Unified School District board of education accepted Chad Houck’s resignation. Houck has been in a tenuous position for about a year; ever since the school received a two-year probationary accreditation last spring.



Chad Houck

When the district learned last month that its appeal to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges was denied,

Houck's future was sealed.

The district will begin the search for a principal later this month. This is Houck's third year at STHS.

Also at the March 14 meeting the board released an assistant elementary principal "because of the level of revenue from the state," Superintendent Jim Tarwater told *Lake Tahoe News*. This will provide the district with some flexibility for next school year with where to place this individual.

The district was expecting \$1.4 million from the state and is instead getting \$402,000. With the number of classified and certificated employees who will be retiring at the end of this school year, the district anticipates a savings of \$1 million. It is balancing the books through attrition.

– *Lake Tahoe News staff report*

Icemen reach playoffs; first round at SLT arena

Tahoe Icemen, a Western States Hockey League Tier II ice hockey team out of South Lake Tahoe, will be playing in the playoffs starting March 16.

It is a best out of three series beginning Thursday at 5pm at the South Lake Tahoe Ice Arena. The second game will be Friday at 5pm. If need be, the deciding game would be Saturday at 8pm.

Cost is \$6.

The team is coached by former professional ice hockey player

and Reno native Mickey Lang. This is the first time under his leadership that the team has made it to post-season competition.

The Icemen will be facing the Vancouver Rangers. The winner of this series will advance to the second round of playoffs.